

# Ealing Fields Residents Association

## **Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7.15pm at the Log Cabin Children's Centre, 259 Northfield Avenue**

### **1 Welcome and apologies for absence**

**Present:** Roger Jarman (RJ) (Chair), Carol Atkinson (CA), Cheryl Burke (CB), Andrew Dick (AD), Mike Eastgate (ME), Wendy Hallam (WH), Clive Herring (CH), Diane Kerr (DK), Raj Kapoor (RK), Keith Marriage (KM), Holly Perry (HP) and Ian Kingston (IK)

**Apologies:** David Ashforth (DA), Jane Cocking (JC), Cllr Paul Driscoll (PD), Helen Johnson (HJ), and Cllr Kim Nagpal (KN)

### **2 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January and matters arising**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as drafted. All **Matters Arising** appeared on the main agenda.

### **3 Planning and licensing matters**

**(a) Proposals for development of land behind Overdale Road** – LBE should have made the planning determination by 29<sup>th</sup> January so the decision had been delayed. It was noted that a representative from Overdale Road residents had been in touch with PD about the delay in the determination.

**(b) Proposed Northfield Conservation Area (CA)** – IK reported that there was no further news. The outcome was dependent (in part) on the recommendation of the new Conservation Officer at LBE.

**(c) SuDS planning application (Lammas Park)** – There had been significant social media activity in relation to the ongoing works in Lammas Park, and there had been heavy email traffic to EFRA as well. The purpose of the latest planning application was to rectify issues with the landscaping. It was hoped that there would be an outcome soon. Some plant and materials had been delivered on site on 18<sup>th</sup> March so there had been some activity of late. While it was noted that the intentions had been positive, the poor communications and the slow progress - with yet another summer where a significant part of the park would be inaccessible - were recognised as unfortunate and frustrating

**(d) East Lodge, Lammas Park planning application** – EFRA had submitted its objection, and the Committee thanked the Chair for a well drafted submission. This had been picked by the Architects Journal and on social media. The Council had received over 2,500 objections to the proposal. There was absolutely no case for development of the site, given it was metropolitan open land and the building itself was an historic asset. IK reported that LBE had applied to English Heritage for a Building Preservation Notice, to ensure the building was protected. If the application was considered by the Planning Committee, it would undoubtedly be refused. If appealed, the application would be sent to the Planning Inspectorate (national level) and there was a risk that the development might be approved at that level. EFRA would keep the position under review and hoped that the Preservation Notice would be granted quickly.

**(e) Other planning issues – (i) GSK development** – KM had attended an engagement event for local residents, where it was explained that the height of buildings in the proposed development would increase from 13 to 23 floors. A significant amount of landscaping and the creation of leisure space would be incorporated in the development, although the entire development would be within the current footprint; **(ii) Orion Park** – it was possible that work would begin in summer 2025 (as previously advised).

#### 4 Transport and parking

**(a) Review of road improvements at the Plough Junction** – It was noted that the report had still not been published. PD would be asked to follow up. **(Action: RJ to raise with PD)**

**(b) Traffic measures west of Northfield Avenue** – Traffic measurement had now taken place. There was concern from residents in relation to potholes and the poor quality of the roads. The consultation response was expected imminently with the limited improvements implemented in due course.

**(c) School streets** – LBE had written to local residents (those in the streets to be designated as 'school streets' and those in the immediate surrounding area) inviting comments by 27<sup>th</sup> April about the implementation of a SS for Little Ealing School. The enforcement of the existing CPZ would be important for controlling the parking in neighbouring streets around the period that the SS would be operational. RK could complete a response to the consultation on behalf of EFRA. **(Action: RK)**

**(d) Ealing Transport Strategy** – The Chair clarified that this did not necessarily need an EFRA response, but it would be referred to in the forthcoming newsletter.

#### 5 Environment

**(a) Floodlights at Northfields Depot** – London Transport had indicated that they would commission bespoke hoods for the lights; however there was no further news – RJ to follow up with PD **(Action: RJ to raise with PD)**.

**(b) Flower beds at Plough Junction** – The area was looking good currently following LBE planting in the two beds at the junction as well as at the bed by Ealing Fields High School. It was noted that a litter pick was scheduled for Northfields Ward on 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**(c) Alleyways in the vicinity of Chandos Avenue** – DK had sent a spread sheet through to LBE after they had asked for more specifics e.g. on drug dealing. However DK had not received a response as yet. There were ongoing issues with rubbish being left on Little Ealing Lane.

**(d) Early morning noise from LEPS – resident concern** – A resident in Hereford Road had complained about early morning noise from Little Ealing Primary School. This had not previously come to EFRA's attention. A response would be sent pointing out to the resident of the need for evidence to be provided for the Council to take any action. RJ would arrange a site meeting involving the resident and Councillors in due course. **(Action: RJ)**

**(e) Saplings and tree management** – KM reported that there were on going issues at one end of Chandos Avenue, and this would be followed up with LBE. **(Action: KM)**

#### 6 'Your Voice, Your Town' – Community Charter – LBE initiative

RJ reported that an event had taken place in the Town Hall which some EFRA Committee members had attended. The outcomes expected from this initiative were still unclear.

#### 7 Community safety – Ward Panel update

The next Ward Panel meeting would take place at 6pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> April in Blondin Park Pavillion. The drop-in sessions hosted in the library were also mentioned. [This meeting had since been re-arranged].

#### 8 Heathrow – Runway 3

It was noted that the Government had given the go-ahead for the development of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Runway, which would likely impact flight paths over the Northfield area in the long term.

## **9 AOB**

The Committee needed to give thought to its X (formerly Twitter) account and whether or not it should remain active. This would be discussed at a future meeting. Attendees were reminded about the Good Gym initiative (more details at: <https://www.goodgym.org> ) The Committee was also reminded about the ongoing gardening and associated activity at SE cemetery. Finally, the demise of the book shelf at Northfields Station was noted [post meeting note: LFB's advice to ban all book shelves in LU stations was overturned by the Mayor, and bookshelves were expected to re-open]. There was no other business.

## **10 Date of next Committee meeting**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7:15pm.

## **11 Proposed date for AGM – 18<sup>th</sup> June**

The date of the AGM was agreed as 18<sup>th</sup> June.

## **12 Treasurer's report**

HP reported that the current bank balance was £2,972.12. It was noted that a service charge of £4.67 had been applied to the account.

## **13 Membership matters / newsletter / e-newsletter / website**

**(a) Website development update** – Links to EFRA's responses to LBE planning consultations were now available, as were links to the minutes. Other new sections that might be introduced in future included a photo area, the contact details for local councillors, links to other groups such as Good Gym and also to the Love Clean Street app. There were also proposals for an FAQ area. A good deal of material needed to be archived. RJ and CB would meet to discuss further but not until the summer (**Action: RJ/CB**).

**(b) Proposed e-newsletter** – The draft would be shared with the editorial team over the few days prior to dispatch.

**(c) Annual printed newsletter** – RJ reported that he would be away for the first two weeks of April but would pick up activity on the annual newsletter thereafter. JC had confirmed that she was happy to coordinate distribution again this year. It was agreed that the 105 members who had not paid subs since 2019 would be removed after the AGM. DA was being removed from the committee as he had moved out of the area. It was also announced that ME would be moving out of the area so would need to leave the Committee. ME was thanked for the work he had undertaken for EFRA over the years.